

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, and 16 -- 33 are pending in the application after entry of the foregoing amendment. Claims 2 and 17 have been canceled.

Claims 2 - 15, 17 and 19 - 20 were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of their base respective claims and any intervening claims. By the foregoing amendment, the subject matter of dependent claim 2 has been incorporated into independent claim 1, and the subject matter of claim 17 has been incorporated into claim 16, from which they depend. Claims 2 and 17 have been canceled.

Claims 1 and 16 now incorporate allowable subject matter and are deemed in condition for immediate allowance. Claims 30, 31, 32, and 33 remain dependent on amended claim 1, and are deemed in condition for immediate allowance as dependent upon an allowable claim. The remaining claims all depend from an allowable claim and are likewise deemed allowable.

The rejection of claims 1, 16, 18 and 21-33 as being unpatentable over Wyman is deemed moot in view of the amendments to the claims.

Conclusion


In view of the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejection and an early notice of allowance of all pending claims are earnestly solicited.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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